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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), please charge the \$180.00 fee as specified by Section 1.17(p) to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

A copy of the listed document is attached.

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Respectfully submitted,

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